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Sanborn Resolutions Recognize Nations Committing Troops to Operation Iraqi Freedom

*Britain, Australia and Poland Praised for their
Support of Operation Iraqi Freedom*

(LANSING) – The governments of Britain, Australia and Poland have been steadfast in their support of the United States and Operation Iraqi Freedom, and today state Sen. Alan Sanborn, R-Richmond, introduced three resolutions honoring those governments and their brave service men and women for their dedication and support.

“These three nations, in addition to the United States, are the only other known countries to have combat forces participating in Operation Iraqi Freedom, and I believe it is important that we thank them for their commitment and courage,” Sanborn said.

The resolutions express gratitude to British Prime Minister Tony Blair, Australian Prime Minister John Howard and Polish President Aleksander Kwasniewski, along with the military forces of those countries, for their contributions to Operation Iraqi Freedom.

According to the resolutions, ‘Preserving liberty in a troubled world always demands great vigilance by freedom loving nations. We must recognize the debt we owe our British, Australian and Polish allies for their steadfast support and their equal commitment to freeing the Iraqi people from their cruel dictator and helping to fight oppression around the world.’

The resolutions continue: ‘there is no telling what challenges and dangers lay ahead for Coalition forces. We can, however, promise that the people of Michigan stand ready to express our support and gratitude for the courageous efforts of British, Australian and Polish forces.’

Copies of Senate Resolutions 54, 55 and 56 will be transmitted to the Australian Parliament and President Aleksander Kwasniewski; Offices of Prime Minister Tony Blair and the British Parliament; and Poland Prime Minister John Howard, respectively, as well as the President of the United States.